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1. As is generally known, linseed oil combined with red oxide of lead is the best rust preventive for objects made of iron. Both ingredients of this preventive were imported in the past from the West. Therefore Hungary, in order to preserve her dwindling resources of hard currency, has been anxious to develop a proper substitute.
2. Linseed oil has been replaced by an artificial resin solution and red bauxite, derived from natural bauxite, has taken the place of red oxide of lead. This paint, compared with the conventional rust preventive, would of course cause no lead poisoning but it has the great disadvantage of giving no chemical protection against rust.
3. Experts on substitutes, in the economic section of the Communist Party, hope that the new rust preventive will reduce by 50 cars the annual import of lead into Hungary.

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